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## MEXICO.

*Smallpox in C. P. Diaz.*

EAGLE PASS, TEX., January 10, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that a rumor being current that smallpox existed in C. P. Diaz, I made an examination and found 1 case of varicella. Examined the death reports in the alcalde's office, and consulted the city physician. The ordinary Mexican "pallows" do not receive treatment for smallpox, consequently there is no record of cases; however, every American in C. P. Diaz will tell you that smallpox is prevalent there, but, as they express it, "we can run no chances in informing." Our vigilant watch will be maintained, and it is next to impossible for the disease to reach Eagle Pass.

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Very respectfully,

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## TURKEY.

*Sanitary report from Constantinople.*

[Report 206.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 28, 1898.

The number of deaths registered in Constantinople from the 12th to the 26th instant is 497, of which 1 is from scarlet fever, 6 from measles, 9 from diphtheria, 9 from typhoid fever, and 34 from smallpox.

*Typhoid fever.*—I have already written in my previous report about the typhoid fever cases which broke out in the French school of N. D. de Sion as a consequence of having distributed to the pupils well water. I reported 9 cases, with 3 deaths. At the last sitting of the international sanitary commission it was stated that the number of deaths among said typhoid fever cases was 5 instead of 3. Several other typhoid fever cases are reported in the different suburbs of Constantinople, but I do not suppose there will break out an epidemic, as that of smallpox. The sanitary news from the provinces is good.

It has been announced that 3,000 pilgrims have already landed at Djiddah.

Stringent orders have been given to the naval and military authorities of the province of Yemen by the grand vizier in order to prevent sanitary smuggling. Sambuks and other craft sailing without the necessary ship's papers will be tugged to Cameran.

The Russian sanitary commissioner, Dr. Karakanowsky, has communicated to the sanitary board that the Russian Government has already sent a Russian physician to Djiddah whose duty will be to observe the pilgrimage of this year and see if any plague case breaks out. Said physician is a bacteriologist.

*Sanitary improvements in Hungary.*—The consular report from the Ottoman consular-general in Budapest has been communicated to the sanitary board, by which he notifies his government of the sanitary improvements which took place in Hungary. As a consequence of said sanitary improvements no epidemics, he states, broke out in that kingdom.